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Application Number: 08/828,005 :
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Applicant: Gary Dean Lavon et al. : DECISION
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING :
REMOVABLE COMPONENTS :

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 9, 2001, under 37 C.F.R. 1.144, for the Commissioner to invoke his supervisory authority and reverse the restriction requirement of November 30, 2000.

The petition is denied.

In review of the application it is clear that there are a large number of distinct species relating to various embodiments of an absorbent article with a different structures securing a removable absorbent member. Furthermore, each of these absorbent members could be constructed from an acquisition layer, distribution layer, first absorbent layer, second absorbent core and/or storage/redistribution layer. Also, each of the above layers could be constructed for a number of different compositions as set forth in the specification.

Therefore, since any given combination of a removable absorbent structure having a specific absorbent member with different materials in each layer could be patent distinct from another removable absorbent structure the election of species of November 30, 2000 is proper.

Applicant is given 1 month from the mailing date of this decision to select a single embodiment for review.


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